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PUBLIC MEETING

SUPPORT PACKARD WORKERS

Stand up to the multi-nationals

Tuesday 10th January 8pm
Tymon Bawn Community Hall
Aylesbury (near Ahearns Pub)

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Packard workers reject plan...

Congratulations!

Packard workers were right to tell management where to get off.

They have been trying to blackmail workers for years. Every time they want no strike deals, pay cuts, redundancies—they threaten to move to Portugal, Spain or whatever.

If workers had accepted their rotten deal, they would have come back for more.

The politicians will now start to shed crocodile tears and even blame Packard workers for their vote. Eamonn Walsh says he is 'devastated'. But can you imagine him sitting in the Dáil for hours without getting a relief break.

These hypocrites who get months of holidays have no right to lecture workers about giving up two days of their holidays .

They won't get us, we're part of the union

The worker who got up and sung this expressed what many felt. We can beat these multi-national bloodsuckers if we organise to fight.

The idea of some union leaders that companies like GM can never be beaten is wrong. Last year in America 11,000 General Motors workers struck against compulsory overtime (!!) They beat the company and forced them, to employ 800 extra workers.

If they can fight in America, then workers can fight them in Ireland.

■The Packard bosses should now be told that they will not be let use lay-offs as a weapon against workers. If they are implementing lay-offs workers should start industrial action rather than let them kill us by a thousand cuts.

■If they try to run down the plant, they should be told that they are not going to move out equipment as easily as they did in 1987.

■Packard workers should seek support from other workers and people in the community.

Despite the media condemnations, workers across the country, faced with similar attacks on their pay and conditions, will be inspired by the defiance of Packard workers.

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